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Strengthening further the Economic and Social Council, building on its recent achievements, to help it fulfil the role ascribed to it in the Charter of the United Nations as contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration

Draft resolution submitted by the President of the Economic and Social Council

Ad Hoc Advisory Group on African Countries emerging from conflicts

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa, which was submitted to the Security Council and the General Assembly,[1]

Recalling also paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 55/217 of 21 December 2000 on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa, in which the Assembly requested the Economic and Social Council to consider the creation of an ad hoc advisory group on countries emerging from conflict with a view to assessing their humanitarian and economic needs and elaborating a long-term programme of support for implementation that begins with the integration of relief into development,

Further recalling the ministerial declaration on the role of the United Nations in supporting the efforts of African countries to achieve sustainable development,[2] adopted by the Economic and Social Council at the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2001, and section VII on meeting the special needs of Africa of the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[3]

Taking into account the New Partnership for Africa's Development, which was adopted by the heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at their thirty-seventh summit, held in Lusaka in July 2001, and looking forward to

[1] A/52/871-S/1998/318.
[2] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/56/3), chap. III, para. 29.
[3] General Assembly resolution 55/2.

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the final review and appraisal of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, which is scheduled for September 2002,

Bearing in mind the mandate of the Economic and Social Council,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of an ad hoc advisory group on African countries emerging from conflict;[4]

2. *Decides* to consider creating, at the request of any African country emerging from conflict, a limited but flexible and representative ad hoc advisory group at the ambassadorial level, in consultation with all regional groups and the national authorities of the country concerned, drawn from the membership of the Economic and Social Council and its observer States, including representation from the country concerned, and in so doing to take into account the need to include countries that can make a positive contribution to the objectives of such a group;

3. *Further decides* that such an ad hoc advisory group is to examine the humanitarian and economic needs of the country concerned; review relevant programmes of support and prepare recommendations for a long-term programme of support, based on its development priorities, through the integration of relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and development into a comprehensive approach to peace and stability; and provide advice on how to ensure that the assistance of the international community in supporting the country concerned is adequate, coherent, well-coordinated and effective and promotes synergy;

4. *Also decides* that in order to carry out its work such an ad hoc advisory group should consult with the authorities of the country concerned and, as both deem necessary, with representatives of relevant national, subregional, regional and international organizations and other actors, as appropriate, according to the rules of procedure and relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council, and should make recommendations to the Council for consideration and forwarding to other appropriate and relevant settings;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the United Nations Development Group, as well as other relevant United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies, to assist such an ad hoc advisory group in accomplishing its mandate, and invites the Bretton Woods institutions to cooperate to that end;

6. *Urges* such an ad hoc advisory group to make maximum use of existing mechanisms and coordination structures, as well as intergovernmentally approved and other relevant documentation;

7. *Encourages* close cooperation between such an ad hoc advisory group and the Working Group of the Security Council on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa in the areas related to the fulfilment of the mandate of such an ad hoc advisory group;

8. *Invites* multilateral institutions, in particular the African Development Bank, the African Union and African subregional organizations, as well as other relevant actors, subject to the provisions of paragraph 4 above, to cooperate fully with such an ad hoc advisory group, upon its request;

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[4] E/2002/12 and Corr.1.

9. *Encourages* all Member States of the United Nations, particularly donor countries, to contribute to the work of such an ad hoc advisory group;

10. *Decides* to undertake an assessment of lessons learned based on the initial experience of such ad hoc advisory groups, no later than at its substantive session of 2004.